The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 15th November 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Compensation to the families of victims in the Malabar train tragedy.

477 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib : With reference to my question No. 203 at the meeting held on 14th September 1922 regarding compensations to families of victims in the Malabar train tragedy, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the agency through which the compensation was paid ?

A.—The District Magistrate, Malabar.

Muhammadan teacher in the Government Training School, Calicut.

478 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib : With reference to my question No. 144 (*a*) to (*c*) at the meeting of the Council held on 13th September 1922 regarding the Muhammadan teacher in the Government Training School, Calicut, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to inquire and get the information ?

A.—The information required in clauses (*a*) to (*c*) of question No. 144 is given below :—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) He will be awarded the usual stipend if one is available.

Non-co-operation press in Malabar.

479 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that some presses in the district of Malabar owned or controlled by openly declared or secretly working non-co-operators still enjoy Government patronage ?

A.—No ; but the Government will enquire.

Appointment of non-Brahmans to district and taluk boards.

480 Q.—Rai Sahib E. C. M. Mascarenhas : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether G.O. No. 613, dated 16th September 1921, issuing instructions regarding the appointment of non-Brahmans including Muhammadans and Indian Christians applies to district and taluk boards and municipal offices and schools under them ; and

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(b) if so, why the information regarding the appointments made in the above offices and schools has been omitted from the half-yearly return published for the half-year ending the 31st December 1921 ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.
(b) The question does not arise.

Muhammadan income-tax officers and income-tax deputy tahsildars.

481 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans employed in the Presidency as
(1) income-tax officers ;
(2) income-tax deputy tahsildars ?

A.—The appointment of the officers in question is not vested in the local Government who maintain no statistics regarding them.

Medical examination of pupils of training schools for mistresses by lady doctors.

482 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the pupils of the training schools for mistresses have ever been submitted at any time to medical examination by lady doctors ?

A.—The Government have no information but will enquire.

Inspection of Muhammadan girls' elementary schools in Nellore.

483 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Muhammadan Elementary girls' schools in the Nellore district are being inspected by sub-assistant inspectors or by sub-assistant inspectresses and whether the inspection of these schools was ever entrusted to inspectors during the last two years ; if the latter, whether it was not possible to find inspectresses for the inspection of such girls' schools ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—" No useful purpose will be served by calling for information."

Conveyance of Muhammadan gosha pupils of the Government Hobart Secondary Training School, Royapetta.

484 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of bullock carts engaged by Government for the conveyance of Muhammadan gosha pupils of the Government Hobart Secondary Training School, Royapetta ; and

(b) whether the number of carts now engaged is adequate for the purpose of conveying all pupils that can be suitably accommodated within the building ?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.